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USSR-POLAND: Soviet Attitude Toward Jaruzelski

[REDACTED] General Secretary Andropov is concerned about Premier Jaruzelski's "weak" response to internal challenges, and that there is speculation in Warsaw that Andropov may want someone more orthodox and tougher in the job. Jaruzelski reportedly told [REDACTED] at Brezhnev's funeral that he had rejected Soviet suggestions that he resign as head of the party. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Soviets have occasionally shown dissatisfaction with the pace at which the Polish party is being rebuilt, but they are unlikely to be seeking Jaruzelski's resignation. He probably exaggerated the Soviet pressure [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Although the Soviets very likely had reservations about the release of Lech Walesa, they welcome the decline in opposition in Poland and probably believe that events there are moving in the right direction. [REDACTED]

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